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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The following is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed September 5, 2002. The response is submitted on or before March 5, 2003, with a petition for extension and requisite fee, making this a timely response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-68950-2/RMS/DCF [469249-256]).

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

18. (Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein said template structure is cylindrical, and steps (a) and (b) are carried out by a continuous process of rolling said cylindrical template structure wherein at a first portion of the cylinder, the cylinder is contacted with a moldable material and at a second portion of the cylinder, solidified moldable material is removed from the cylinder as a molded layer.

20. (Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein prior to step (c), said flexible molded layer is stored in rolled form.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15-26 are pending. Claims 18 and 20 have been amended. Support for the amendment of claim 18 is found at p. 19, line 34 to p. 20, line 1. Support for the amendment of claim 20 is found at p. 23, lines 6-16. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by way of this amendment. A version showing changes made is attached hereto. An appendix of pending claims is also attached for the Examiner's convenience.

RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 18 is rejected because it is unclear how rolling the template removes the moldable material from the